

**March 14, 2023**

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**

*The Minutes of the*

***REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS***

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Order Of Business

- A. REGULAR SESSION: Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

PRESENT: Supervisors Nora Vargas, Chair; Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson; Nathan Fletcher; Jim Desmond; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

- B. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Supervisor, if applicable.
- C. Invocation was led by Reverend Rachel Cooley Shawler of Kensington United Church of Christ.
- D. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Keshia Jarvis-Jones of the Foundation for Women Warriors.
- E. Presentations or Announcement of Proclamations and Awards:

Chair Nora Vargas presented a proclamation declaring March 14, 2023, to be Bonita Valley Girls' USA Softball Association Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Chair Nora Vargas and Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring the Month of March 2023, to be San Diego Brain Injury Awareness Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a proclamation declaring March 14, 2023, to be San Diego LGBTQ Community Center Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Vice-Chair Terra Lawson-Remer and Supervisor Nathan Fletcher presented a proclamation declaring March 14, 2023, to be Women's Museum of California Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Nathan Fletcher presented a proclamation declaring March 14, 2023, to be Foundation of Women Warriors Day throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Joel Anderson presented a proclamation declaring the Month of March 2023, to be American Red Cross Month throughout the County of San Diego.

Supervisor Jim Desmond presented a proclamation declaring March 14, 2023, to be Captain E. Royce Williams Day throughout the County of San Diego.

- F. Non-Agenda Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Board on any subject matter within the Board's jurisdiction but not an item on today's agenda.

- G. Approval of the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the meeting of February 28, 2023.

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors approved the Statement of Proceedings/Minutes for the Regular Board of Supervisors meeting of February 28, 2023.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

- H. Consent Calendar

- I. Discussion Items

- J. **Time Certain: 10 a.m.**

**Item 24: FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 SECOND QUARTER OPERATIONAL PLAN  
STATUS REPORT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

- K. Board Member Committee Updates. This is an opportunity for Members of the Board to provide informational updates on their committee assignments. No action may be taken.

NOTICE: THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY COUNTY STAFF DO NOT LIMIT ACTIONS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT RELY UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER AS DETERMINATIVE OF THE ACTION THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY TAKE ON A PARTICULAR MATTER.

**Board of Supervisors' Agenda Items**

Category	#	Subject
Public Safety	1.	SHERIFF - ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM THE SAN DIEGO HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION [FUNDING SOURCE: DONATION FROM THE SAN DIEGO HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION]
	2.	DISTRICT ATTORNEY - REQUEST APPROVAL FOR SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF TECHNOLOGY FOR A COUNTYWIDE SHELTER BED MOBILE NETWORK [FUNDING SOURCE: PROPOSITION 172 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND]
	3.	SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: ORDINANCES ADOPTING AND RATIFYING THE 2023 CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE, REPEALING THE COUNTY FIRE CODE, AND AMENDING THE COUNTY DEFENSIBLE SPACE ORDINANCE; FIND THE ACTIONS ARE EXEMPT, OR ALTERNATIVELY, NOT PROJECTS UNDER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (2/28/2023 - FIRST READING; 3/14/2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING)

(RELATES TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
AGENDA ITEM FP01)

Health and  
Human Services

4. AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR THE PREVENTION HUB SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THROUGH THE CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES [FUNDING SOURCE: CALIFORNIA STATE BLOCK GRANT FUNDING]
5. ACCEPTANCE OF STATE FUNDING FOR SAN YSIDRO HEALTH RURAL MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC [FUNDING SOURCE: STATE OF CALIFORNIA] (4 VOTES)
6. REDUCING HOSPITAL READMISSION RATES THROUGH A RURAL HEALTH POST-DISCHARGE PILOT PROGRAM [FUNDING SOURCES: HEALTH REALIGNMENT AND THE GROSSMONT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT] (4 VOTES)

Financial and  
General  
Government

7. GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF NEW LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 450 S. MELROSE DRIVE, VISTA, AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION [FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]
8. GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE FOR THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, 9444 BALBOA AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION [FUNDING SOURCE: REALIGNMENT]
9. GENERAL SERVICES - CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER [FUNDING SOURCE: CHARGES TO THE CLIENT DEPARTMENTS] (4 VOTES)
10. GENERAL SERVICES - AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, APPROVE GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CEQA FOR A PROPOSED CASA DE ORO LIBRARY [FUNDING SOURCE: NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM, GENERAL FUND FUND BALANCE, GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE; COUNTY LIBRARY REVENUES]

11. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO SET RATES FOR THE VOTER APPROVED CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX (3/14/2023 - First Reading; 4/4/2023 - Second Reading unless ordinance is modified on Second Reading)
12. BIENNIAL REVIEW OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES- APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AMENDMENTS RECEIVED THROUGH FEBRUARY 13, 2023: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES
13. APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES FOR LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE O'FARRELL CHARTER SCHOOLS
14. ACCEPT STATE FUNDING FOR A CULTURAL HUB [FUNDING SOURCE: STATE OF CALIFORNIA] (4 VOTES)
15. COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 1) [FUNDING SOURCE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE; GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]
16. NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTION FINDING (DISTRICT: 3) [FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE; TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES]
17. COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 5) [FUNDING SOURCE: TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES; GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]
18. COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 2) [FUNDING SOURCE: TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX; ARPA FUNDS; GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]
19. COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 4) [FUNDING SOURCES: TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES, ARPA FUNDS, AND GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE]

Appointments 20. APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS

Communications Received	21.	COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED
Public Safety	22.	A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DENOUNCING ANTISEMITIC RHETORIC AND HATE CRIMES TOWARDS JEWISH PEOPLE IN SAN DIEGO
Financial and General Government	23.	EQUITY IN ACTION: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR BY EXPANDING DATA ACCESS AND TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS
	24.	FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 SECOND QUARTER OPERATIONAL PLAN STATUS REPORT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS [FUNDING SOURCE: STATE GRANT AND GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE; OPERATING TRANSFERS IN FROM THE GENERAL FUND, AVAILABLE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND RESOURCES, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REALIGNMENT, AVAILABLE PRIOR YEAR COUNTY SERVICE AREA 69 FUND BALANCE, AVAILABLE PRIOR YEAR COUNTY SERVICE AREA 17 FUND BALANCE, AVAILABLE PRIOR YEAR AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND BALANCE, OPERATING TRANSFERS IN FROM SAN DIEGO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND A AVAILABLE PRIOR YEAR FISH AND PROPAGATION FUND] (4 VOTES)
	25.	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT - FISCAL YEARS 2023/24-2027/28
Closed Session	26.	CLOSED SESSION
Public Communication	27.	PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

**1. SUBJECT: SHERIFF - ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION FROM THE SAN DIEGO HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, permit the acceptance of gifts and donations by the administrative heads of each department in the County, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.

The San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association (HDSA) is a group of local business and community leaders with a long history of providing support to the San Diego Sheriff's Department. This is a request to approve the acceptance of a \$42,000 donation to the Sheriff's Personnel Division from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association, which will be used to purchase a new recruiting vehicle.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
SHERIFF**

1. In accordance with County of San Diego Administrative Code Article III, Section 66 Acceptance of Gifts and Board of Supervisors Policy A-112, Acceptance and Use of Gifts and Donations, accept a \$42,000 donation from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association.
2. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the County of San Diego to the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Sheriff's Department is committed to pursuing diversity, equity, and inclusion approaches in its recruiting and onboarding processes. The donation from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association will assist in obtaining a recruiting vehicle, allowing the Sheriff's recruiters to bring the recruitment into the communities and meet them where they are. This creates more opportunities for community engagement in the absence of a formal hiring fair or event.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions to receive the donation from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association to purchase a recruiting vehicle in support of employee recruitment contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of engaging the community in meaningful ways to foster inclusivity and sustainable communities. The recruiting efforts of the department are in line with developing communication and engagement strategies that are inclusive of diverse languages and cultural considerations to ensure equitable access and participation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan for the Sheriff's Department. If approved, this request will accept a donation, and result in current year costs and revenue of \$42,000. The funding source is a donation from the San Diego Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association. Future ongoing costs associated with the purchase of a recruiting vehicle including, but not limited to, annual maintenance, will be included in future years' Operational

Plans for the Sheriff's Department. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

2. **SUBJECT: DISTRICT ATTORNEY - REQUEST APPROVAL FOR SINGLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF TECHNOLOGY FOR A COUNTYWIDE SHELTER BED MOBILE NETWORK (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The San Diego County District Attorney's Office (SDCDA) recently released new data about the intersection of crime and the county's population of persons experiencing homelessness. Multiple sources of credible data indicate that this vulnerable population is growing faster than the availability of housing and services. Two years of SDCDA data shows individuals who are experiencing homelessness become involved with the justice system as victims and offenders at higher rates than the rest of the population. We also know that being a victim of domestic violence, child abuse and human trafficking drives homelessness especially for women and children on our streets. Additionally, we know that persons who are unsheltered are at higher risks of death from infection, disease and drug overdoses. Data from the medical examiner's office shows that unsheltered persons are dying from drug overdoses, especially fentanyl, at 118 times higher rate than our sheltered population. This data showing the drastically higher rates of an individual experiencing homelessness becoming a crime victim or offender, demonstrate that homelessness is both a humanitarian and a public safety crisis that must be urgently addressed.

The District Attorney proposed a three-pronged approach to addressing the needs of homeless individuals who intersect with law enforcement or the criminal justice system with the first critical step being the focus of this request: implementing new technology that provides real-time access to shelter bed availability and services. An integrated response and investment in technology infrastructure to support communication and coordination of services would advance addressing the impacts of homelessness on the dignity of human beings and the collateral impact on the safety of unsheltered persons and the impact on public safety. This would be a first of its kind technology solution grounded in transparency, equity and data in the nation. This technology solution would support the other parts of the three-pronged approach.

A similar effort to address the needs of victims of crime needing shelter, SDCDA participated in a collaboration with Caravan Studios to develop the *Safe Shelter Collaborative*. Sheltering agencies that provide resources to survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault are able to find shelter beds in minutes for those attempting to escape violence. Leveraging the positive outcomes of the Safe Shelter Collaborative and expanding this model to include homeless populations intersecting with public safety, will allow the county to maintain



real time and accurate data regarding shelter use and availability, and help to inform policy decisions regarding future needs and investments. Caravan Studios possesses a unique combination of experience and technical expertise in sheltering solutions for San Diego County, and proven acumen as a national leader in developing sustainable technology-based community solutions for individuals experiencing homelessness.

This is a request to authorize the Director of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into a single source procurement and contract with Caravan Studios, a 501(c)(3) subsidiary of TechSoup, for the development, implementation, and maintenance of technology solutions for accessing shelter beds and related services.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

In accordance with Board Policy A-87, Competitive Procurement, approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter into negotiations with Caravan Studios 501(c)(3), and subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for the development, implementation, and maintenance of technology necessary to implement a homeless shelter bed network mobile application for one year and four option years, and an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to service needs or funding requirements subject to the approval of the District Attorney.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The District Attorney's Office seeks to facilitate an equitable and transparent system to accessing emergency shelters and services throughout the region, regardless of zip code. As part of the District Attorney's trauma-informed response to public safety challenges, the actions in this Board Letter would strengthen collaboration between community-based organizations serving individuals experiencing homelessness and law enforcement agencies.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action contributes to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of engaging the community and providing just and equitable access to services and resources. A countywide shelter bed mobile network would lead to increased partnerships and collaboration throughout the region, encouraging and supporting ongoing participation in serving our communities. Addressing and ending the growing crisis of people experiencing homelessness in San Diego would lead to positive social and economic enhancements, contributing to the overall sustainability of the region.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request would be included in the Fiscal Year 2023-25 Operational Plan for the District Attorney's Office. If approved, this request would result in an estimated costs and revenue of \$300,000. The funding source is Proposition 172 Special Revenue Fund. Subsequent year costs and revenues will be included in future operational plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

3. **SUBJECT: SECOND CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE: ORDINANCES ADOPTING AND RATIFYING THE 2023 CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE, REPEALING THE COUNTY FIRE CODE, AND AMENDING THE COUNTY DEFENSIBLE SPACE ORDINANCE; FIND THE ACTIONS ARE EXEMPT, OR ALTERNATIVELY, NOT PROJECTS UNDER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (2/28/2023 - FIRST READING; 3/14/2023 - SECOND READING UNLESS ORDINANCE IS MODIFIED ON SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On February 28, 2023 (02), the Board of Supervisors took action to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on March 14, 2023.

Based on a triennial cycle, the California Building Standards Commission publishes the California Building Standards Code (Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations). Part 9 of Title 24 is known as the California Fire Code. The California Health and Safety Code provides that counties and fire protection districts may adopt the California Fire Code by reference or establish more restrictive standards than the California Fire Code, if such changes are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions.

On February 25, 2020, the County of San Diego (County) enacted the previous version of the California Fire Code into the County's Code of Regulatory Ordinances (County Fire Code). On December 7, 2020, the San Diego County Fire Protection District (SDCFPD) was established, transferring fire protection services from the County to the SDCFPD. As part of today's proposed actions, the Board of Supervisors would repeal the existing County Fire Code, and the SDCFPD Board of Directors would adopt the updated 2022 California Fire Code with modifications, which shall be enforced as the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code by the SDCFPD. Additionally, the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code will incorporate fire protection requirements from the County's Defensible Space Ordinance (DSO), and the existing DSO will be amended to address that change.

There are 13 fire protection districts within the geographical area of the County, including the SDCFPD. In addition to the modifications by the SDCFPD, the Consolidated Fire Code contains modifications that one or more fire protection districts deem necessary because of local conditions. The Borrego Springs Fire Protection District recently initiated dissolution proceedings, with an intent to join the SDCFPD and will not be adopting the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code. The other 11 local fire protection districts have already approved the 2023

Consolidated Fire Code. In order to take effect within the fire districts, the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code must be either ratified, modified or denied by the Board of Supervisors. One of today's proposed actions is for the Board of Supervisors to ratify the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code.

If approved, the fire code standards put forth in today's proposed ordinances will increase protection of new structures and property against wildfire-related damage and loss through the adoption of progressive requirements that go beyond those required by the State. There are 58 proposed changes, including 26 that reflect changes in the State Fire Code. There are 32 additional changes proposed by the fire marshals of the local fire districts. Some of the key updates provide further clarity on outdoor fireplaces, secondary access, driveway curves, security gates, directory maps, water tanks, and defensible space.

Today's requested actions for the Board of Directors of the SDCFPD are to: (1) find modifications to the 2022 California Fire Code are reasonably necessary due to local conditions, and (2) adopt the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code.

Today's requested actions for the County Board of Supervisors are to: (1) ratify the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code adopted by the local fire districts; (2) repeal the existing County Fire Code; and (3) amend the County's DSO.

The ordinances for the Board of Directors and Board of Supervisors are being introduced today, February 28, 2023, and, if approved, will be scheduled for adoption on March 14, 2023. If any of the proposed ordinances are altered on March 14, 2023, then on that date a subsequent meeting date will be selected for adoption.

**Acting as the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Fire Protection District:**

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

1. Consider and adopt the Ordinance Adopting the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code for the San Diego County Fire Protection District (second reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading).
2. If adopted, direct the Clerk of the Board to provide a certified copy of the adopted Ordinance Adopting the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code for the San Diego County Fire Protection District.

**Acting as the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego:**

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Consider and adopt the Ordinance Ratifying the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code for Fire Protection Districts in San Diego County (second reading unless ordinance is modified on second reading).
2. Consider and adopt the Ordinance Repealing Title 9, Division 6, Chapter 1 of the County of San Diego Code of Regulatory Ordinances Relating to the County Fire Code (second reading, unless ordinance is modified on second reading).

3. Consider and adopt the Ordinance Amending Title 6, Division 8, Chapter 4 of the County of San Diego Code of Regulatory Ordinances Relating to Defensible Space Ordinance (second reading, unless ordinance is modified on second reading).
4. Upon adoption, direct the Clerk of the Board to provide a certified copy of the adopted Ordinance Ratifying the 2023 Consolidated Fire Code for Fire Protection Districts in San Diego County and the associated findings to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 13869.7(c).

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

One aspect of fire prevention is ensuring fire codes are updated and clear to provide specific direction to customers and residents. The proposed actions will provide better direction, ensuring good customer service and equitable safety for the residents of our county. In addition, the SDCFPD recognizes the systematic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents of the County of San Diego. More than 80% of the SDCFPD's jurisdictional area qualifies as a disadvantage unincorporated community, based on a San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) report on funding, administrative, and performance of the former County Service Area No. 135 (now SDCFPD).

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed actions to adopt the County Fire Code and the Consolidated Fire Code will contribute to the County of San Diego's sustainability goal to protect the health and well-being of everyone in the region and advocating for environmental justice for communities that have been disproportionately impacted. Partnering with the other local unincorporated fire districts to provide one fire code will support the safety and sustainability of communities by ensuring that codes are imposed consistently to build, enhance, and maintain resiliency.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

(RELATES TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AGENDA ITEM FP01)

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting the following:

Ordinance No. 10833 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE 2023 CONSOLIDATED FIRE CODE FOR THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY;

Ordinance No. 10834 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING TITLE 9, DIVISION 6, CHAPTER 1 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE COUNTY FIRE CODE; and,

Ordinance No. 10835 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, DIVISION 8, CHAPTER 4 OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES RELATING TO DEFENSIBLE SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

4. **SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION FOR THE PREVENTION HUB SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THROUGH THE CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZE APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The child welfare system has made significant changes over the past 15 years to improve the response to children who have been abused and/or neglected. The County of San Diego (County) is working on transforming the child welfare system toward prevention, with a focus on the earliest of interventions, and an overall change to a more equitable approach to reducing child maltreatment. On February 28, 2023 (21), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the creation of the Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) Department.

The CFWB Department is inclusive of the Office of Child Safety, which assumes the role and responsibilities of what was previously known as County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Child Welfare Services (CWS), and the Office of Child and Family Strengthening, which will focus on prevention and early intervention support and services such as the request today to procure a contract for a Prevention Hub. The goal of the Prevention Hub is to link families to primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention services that are needed to prevent families from coming to the attention of the child welfare system and Juvenile Probation. Due to the recency of the development of the CFWB Department, this letter will reference CWS as the department within HHSA that has and will conduct the administration of the actions leading to and resulting from today's requested action. Today's action requests the Board to authorize the competitive solicitation for the purpose of implementing the Prevention Hub.

This item supports the County's vision of a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all, specifically those communities and populations in San Diego County that have been historically disadvantaged, as well as our ongoing commitment to the regional *Live Well San Diego* vision of healthy, safe, and thriving communities. This will be accomplished by providing the connection to services and supports necessary, particularly in communities of color with higher rates of poverty and referrals to the Child Abuse Hotline, for families to safely care for their children, prevent child maltreatment and youth entry into foster care, and support family strengthening.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. In accordance with Section 401, Article XXIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting, to issue competitive solicitations for the purpose of implementing the Prevention Hub and upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract(s) for an initial term of up to one year, with four one-year options, and up to an additional six

months, if needed; and to amend the contracts to reflect changes in program, funding or service requirements, subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency.

2. Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available, to fund prevention efforts.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

About 45 percent of all reports to the Child Abuse Hotline are for neglect-related concerns, so prevention efforts are necessary to help mandated reporters, the community, and the workforce better define and address issues of neglect/maltreatment versus economic hardship (poverty). The majority of child maltreatment reports come from mandated reporters within the education, law enforcement, medical, and mental health systems; however, many reports do not meet the definition of abuse. Only six percent of all reports to the Child Abuse Hotline made by school-based mandated reporters are substantiated. Economic disparities and systemic disadvantages have perpetuated disproportionate child welfare involvement among families of color and children of color are often over reported to the Child Abuse Hotline.

In Fiscal Year 2021-22, County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, Child Welfare Services (CWS) received 39,025 reports of abuse and neglect, representing 67,824 children, made through the Child Abuse Hotline. The ethnic distribution of averages of children in referrals for Fiscal Year 2021-22 includes:

<b>Race</b>	<b>Percentage Referred to Child Abuse Hotline</b>	<b>Percentage of Population*</b>
Hispanic	45%	34%
White	26%	46%
Black	11%	5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	4%	11%
Native American	1%	.5%
Other	13%	3.5%

\*Per 2020 SANDAG data

CWS contracts with public and private entities to ensure youth and families have access to and receive culturally responsive services including family strengthening and prevention throughout San Diego County. Today's request will authorize CWS to enter into an agreement for prevention and early intervention supports and services in an attempt to address and decrease the disproportionality of youth and families of color being reported to the Child Abuse Hotline, receiving intervention services, and youth in foster care. This will be done through the Prevention Hub by connecting families who are overrepresented to prevention services outside of CWS intervention, when it is safe to do so.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to authorize the procurement of the Prevention Hub supports the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage the community in meaningful ways, and Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to County services with investments

focused on chronically underserved communities, by supporting children and families who are over-reported and over-represented in the child welfare system. The Prevention Hub will support and connect families experiencing poverty or lack of knowledge and access to services that will strengthen their ability to keep their children safe and sustain their family on their own or with community support. Keeping families together and strengthening their ability to meet their own needs will have the impact of increasing self-sufficiency, reducing trauma, and reducing or stopping generational cycles of child maltreatment, which will help achieve a healthy, safe, and thriving community.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Costs for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-24 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, there will be no fiscal impact in FY 2022-23 and estimated costs and revenue of \$2.0 million in FY 2023-24. The funding source is California State Block Grant Funding. Funds for subsequent years will be incorporated into future operational plans. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**5. SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF STATE FUNDING FOR SAN YSIDRO HEALTH  
RURAL MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Following the enactment of Assembly Bill 178, the Budget Act of 2022, California Department of Public Health officials contacted District 2 to coordinate the distribution of a \$500,000 appropriation included in this legislation to fund the purchase of a San Ysidro Health Rural Mobile Unit. As the County legally serves as the fiscal passthrough for local appropriations budgeted from the State of California, the Chief Administrative Officer sent a letter to the State on February 15, 2023, to confirm the County will accept this funding and distribute these funds to San Ysidro Health.

The funding will be used to purchase a vehicle that will serve as a rural mobile medical clinic. It will be equipped with two private medical exam rooms, a bathroom for specimen collection, an intake area, a workspace for laboratory procedures, and other essential equipment. With only two Federally Qualified Health Centers operating health and clinic sites in the second supervisorial district's unincorporated communities, resources such as those provided through mobile medical clinics are scarce. The purchase and deployment of this mobile unit will increase access to healthcare for back country residents.

I recommend that the Board direct County staff to take the actions necessary to accept and disburse the funding designated for the County of San Diego, District 2 for San Ysidro Health.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

1. Authorize the acceptance of \$500,000 in funds from the State of California, Department of Public Health.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute all required funding documents and agreements, including any annual extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
3. Establish appropriations of \$500,000 in the Finance and General Government Group Executive Office (Org 32162), Services & Supplies, to provide these funds to San Ysidro Health based on unanticipated revenue from the State of California. **(4 VOTES)**
4. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, upon successful negotiations, to execute a grant agreement with San Ysidro Health, and to amend the agreement as necessary.

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

In an effort to address unmet healthcare needs in underserved communities, the California State Legislature allocated project-specific funding to enhance investments in programs that serve community members living in San Diego's unincorporated area. The recommended actions will expand opportunities and access to healthcare for back country residents.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommended actions will reduce disparities that currently exist between urban and rural populations by ensuring healthcare access for all through a fully optimized health and social service delivery system.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2022-23. The funding source is the State of California. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond



**6. SUBJECT: REDUCING HOSPITAL READMISSION RATES THROUGH A RURAL HEALTH POST-DISCHARGE PILOT PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Sharp Grossmont Hospital (SGH) is a 536-bed medical center and the largest hospital in East County. In addition to providing healthcare treatment for the residents of La Mesa, SGH serves rural communities throughout the entire eastern region of San Diego County, including rural unincorporated communities such as Laguna, Pine Valley, Campo, and located in the greater Mountain Empire region. SGH is recognized for its excellence in cardiac care, oncology services, orthopedics, rehabilitation, stroke care and women's health. This hospital's emergency room and critical care unit is one of San Diego's busiest facilities, treating more than 100,000 patients each year.

The Grossmont Healthcare District (GHD) is a public agency, contracted with SGH, that primarily serves the residents of East County. GHD supports SGH through activities which include operating a community health and wellness library, funding local nonprofits through grants and sponsorships, and offering free wellness programs for residents. GHD is the legal entity offering community health resources to residents in much of East County, including the Mountain Empire region. Through an ongoing partnership they have with San Ysidro Health, GHD contributed over \$1 million for new medical equipment and health services at the Campo Mountain Health and Community Services facility to help ensure sufficient primary care services and health resources for rural residents.

Because SGH is the closest hospital for rural residents in much of the Second Supervisorial District, the majority of Mountain Empire residents requiring hospitalization are transported to SGH to receive medical care. As part of their partnership, GHD worked with SGH to evaluate data trends for 30-day readmissions over the last 5 fiscal years. In the rural communities, which includes Mountain Empire, the rate has increased from 9.1% to 16.8%, whereas non-rural community readmission rates have steadily declined.

With data showing significant increases in rural resident readmission rates, GHD is seeking a proactive and preventive approach to reducing hospital readmissions for rural residents. Through a collaboration between San Diego County Fire (County Fire), the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), San Ysidro Health, GHD, other members of GHD's Rural Health Coalition, and my office, the concept of a pilot program was developed, where a County Fire firefighter/paramedic and registered public health nurse would be partnered to conduct post discharge follow-ups on rural East County patients. This pilot program will focus on proactively providing at-home check-ins with discharged patients living in rural Second District zip codes, with a special focus on those with the highest level of readmission rates. Upon contact with patients, a County public health nurse would provide clinical discharge support while a firefighter/paramedic would review living conditions and safety hazards in the residence and surrounding property and link constituents to existing programs within County Fire that promote safety.

I am recommending actions to implement this rural post discharge pilot program in partnership with GHD to approve the dedication of one staff year for a firefighter/paramedic and funding for a cost-share with GHD to fund a public health nurse. The recommended actions also direct staff to return to the Board with reported outcomes and recommended next steps for the pilot program, including the potential to expand the pilot to other rural zip codes and engage additional healthcare providers who transport rural residents. In addition, recommended actions would support the exploration of leveraging County Behavioral Health Services initiatives that could be integrated into the program and working with San Ysidro Health and local nursing programs to support program initiatives.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
**SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the Grossmont Healthcare District to initiate a rural health post-discharge pilot program and establish any contracts to support this initiative.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept \$60,000 from the Grossmont Healthcare District and allocate \$114,237 to fund a Public Health Nurse for the pilot program. **(4 VOTES)**
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to explore the feasibility of expanding a pilot to other rural zip codes and partnering with additional healthcare entities.
4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to explore how County Behavioral Health Services initiatives, funding, and resources, can be leveraged and threaded into the rural health post discharge program activities.
5. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to explore partnerships with local schools of nursing to implement rural health learning experiences as part of their nursing program curriculum with a focus on a model of care that addresses the unique needs of the rural population.
6. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board one (1) year from the pilot's launch date to report outcomes on the above recommendations and recommended next steps.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommended actions support geographic equity by ensuring an equal distribution and delivery of health services throughout the region to vulnerable communities in the rural areas of East County that are disproportionately impacted by health disparities and vulnerabilities.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The recommended actions will reduce rural health disparities by proactively delivering services through upstream strategies that will ultimately lower hospital readmissions and overall costs, and help with long-term health and wellness of rural East County constituents.

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

There is minimal fiscal impact associated in the current fiscal year and costs will be absorbed in the budget for the County Fire and the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, the recommendations for this one-year pilot program will result in costs and revenue of \$174,237 to fund a public health nurse. The one-time funding sources are \$114,237 of one-time Health Realignment and \$60,000 from the Grossmont Healthcare District.

There may be fiscal impact related to future recommendations resulting from this pilot program. At that time, staff will return to the Board for consideration and approval with funding source identified. At this time, there will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

7. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF NEW LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, 450 S. MELROSE DRIVE, VISTA, AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 5)**

### **OVERVIEW**

On October 18, 2016 (05), the Board of Supervisors approved a new lease for the Public Defender (Public Defender) at 495 La Tortuga Drive in Vista. The existing North County office is currently occupied by both the Primary Public Defender (PPD) and Alternate Public Defender (APD) divisions and cannot accommodate additional staff. The Public Defender occupies the entire building and there are no opportunities to expand. Effective Fiscal Year 2022-23 the Public Defender added 90 staff positions, increasing staffing numbers in all Public Defender branches including North County. On January 17, 2022, the Public Safety Group approved, in principle, the lease of office space in North County to accommodate new staff. The office space needs to be within close proximity to the Superior Court North County Division at North County Regional Center.

Staff from the Department of General Services have negotiated a new lease agreement for 4,022 square feet of office space located at 450 S. Melrose Drive in Vista. Approving a new lease agreement at 450 S. Melrose Drive will allow APD staff to relocate and allow PPD staff to expand into the newly vacated space at 495 La Tortuga Drive. The APD estimates 20 total staff members assigned to the North County branch office within the next year. Today's request is for Board of Supervisors approval of the lease agreement.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed lease is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301.
2. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the lease for space located at 450 S. Melrose Drive, Vista.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

It is anticipated that the proposed lease for the Public Defender will have a positive impact on the community by providing opportunities for representation in traditionally underserved communities.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Implementing effective sustainability objectives is crucial to ensuring safe and healthy communities and contributing to the overall success of the region. The approval of the lease is appropriate as it supports the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to ensure the capability to respond to immediate needs for individuals, families, and the region.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan in the Public Defender. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$29,822 in Fiscal Year 2022-23 based on an estimated commencement date of April 1, 2023, and costs and revenue of \$120,480 in Fiscal Year 2023-24. The funding source is existing General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

8. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE FOR THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, 9444 BALBOA AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (DISTRICT: 2)**

### **OVERVIEW**

On November 8, 2005 (3), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved a new lease for the District Attorney's Office at 9444 Balboa Avenue in San Diego. The lease was amended to extend the term on October 9, 2012 (11). This space has been used by a series of departments including the Department of Child Support Services and the Health and Human

Services Agency (HHSA) over the past eight years. Currently the space is occupied by HHSA's Medical Care Services Department. The lease expires on April 30, 2023, and there are no options available to extend the term. HHSA has a need to continue operating at this site.

Staff from the Department of General Services have negotiated a second amendment to the lease to extend the term to April 30, 2028 and provide one five-year option to further extend the term. Today's request is for approval of the second amendment to lease agreements.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed lease amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15301.
2. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the lease amendment for space located at 9444 Balboa Avenue, San Diego.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

It is anticipated that the proposed lease amendment for the Health and Human Services Agency, Medical Care Services Department, will have a positive impact on the community by ensuring access for all through a fully optimized health and social service delivery system.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Implementing effective sustainability objectives is crucial to ensuring safe and healthy communities and contributing to the overall success of the region. The approval of the lease amendment is appropriate as it supports the County's Strategic Initiative of Sustainability to ensure the capability to respond to immediate needs for individuals, families, and the region.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan in the Health and Human Services Agency. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of approximately \$76,424 in Fiscal Year 2022-23 and costs and revenue of \$461,220 in Fiscal Year 2023-24. The funding source is Realignment. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**9. SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS  
AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER (DISTRICT: 3)**

**OVERVIEW**

On February 6, 2023, a failure of the chilled water supply line that serves the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system of the County Administration Center (CAC) was discovered in the northwest corner of the building exterior. This failure occurred at approximately 7:00am causing a total loss of cooling capacity, severely impacting the ability to control the interior temperature of the facility. To mitigate the risk to the operational capability of the building occupants and restore temperature control, it was necessary to declare an emergency and forgo competitive solicitation of the repair and restoration work. In accordance with County Administrative Code Section 402, "Emergency Purchases", a notice to proceed for emergency repairs was issued to ACCO Engineered Systems, a contractor with previous County facility and repair experience. Upon further investigation of the CAC chill water piping system, additional failures were discovered that warrant replacement of the entire Chill water piping system. To date, the costs of mobilization, construction, set up and delivery of a temporary Chiller and the work previously done by ACCO totals \$220,218.00. The total cost of the chill water piping system is estimated at \$2,255,750 for a total of \$2,475,968 for all the work required. The estimated time for completion of repairs will be 75 days from the start of construction.

On February 28, 2023 (7), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) found that there was a need for emergency repairs at the CAC and provided authorization to continue the emergency action. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050, until the repairs are complete, the Board is required to determine at every regularly scheduled board meeting that there is a need to continue the emergency action. Today's action requests the Board to find that there is a need to continue the CAC emergency repair and restoration.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find the proposed project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to Sections 15269(b) and 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines because the proposed project is for emergency repairs to a publicly owned service facility necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, and welfare, and because it consists of the minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.
2. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22050(c)(2)(a), find that there is a need to continue the emergency repair and restoration of the County Administration Center without giving notice for bids to let a contract. **(4 VOTES)**

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

As a public building, most daily activities that take place at the CAC have an impact upon the San Diego County community. Regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors, County Special Districts and various Commission meetings are held here. The Department of General Services is responsible for managing the County Administration Center, including maintenance and repairs. Approval of the emergency repairs will ensure continued operation of the County Administration

Center heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. These proposed emergency repairs will provide public benefit to members of the public and County employees through the continued provision of essential public services at this facility.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The emergency repairs will ensure the health and wellbeing of County employees and visitors to the County Administration Center by protecting indoor air quality.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan for the Department of General Services Facilities Management Internal Service Fund. If approved, this request will result in estimated costs and revenue of \$2,475,968. The funding source is charges to the client departments. There will be no change in General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Failure to make the required repairs in a timely manner will result in a risk of control of the building interior temperature.

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

10. **SUBJECT: GENERAL SERVICES - AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, APPROVE GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CEQA FOR A PROPOSED CASA DE ORO LIBRARY (DISTRICT: 4)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

For over sixty years the County of San Diego has operated a library in the community of Casa de Oro. The existing library is at a leased facility at 9805 Campo Road, Spring Valley. The County Library provides equitable access to educational classes, opportunities to develop literacy, online and paper study materials, and recreational reading at no cost to the communities and customers. The County Library also provides access to broadband internet and computers so that customers can access the digital services they need to meet their goals of learning, connecting, job-seeking, and acquiring safety-net services. The existing Casa de Oro library is approximately 6,000 square feet and does not have adequate functional space for library materials, programs, and resources needed to serve the community. Due to the increased demand for library services in recent years, the construction of a new approximately 12,000-square-foot library is planned to meet the growing needs of the community. The proposed library property will be on a leased portion of the Spring Valley Middle School property located at 3900 Conrad Drive, Spring Valley. Entry to the new library will be from the 9000 block of Campo Road.

The Library site is also identified in the Campo Road Corridor Revitalization Specific Plan (Specific Plan) adopted by the Board of Supervisors on January 11, 2023 as a future community facility. This Specific Plan is a long-term vision document that will help facilitate transit-oriented housing development along Campo Road. The plan covers a 60-acre area centered on Campo Road between Rogers Road and Granada Avenue directly adjacent to the south of the Library Project Site and will provide the area's residents and visitors an additional community space, with widened sidewalks and protected bike lanes for people of all ages and abilities proposed to be able to safely access the project site.

This project is an opportunity to positively impact the community of Casa de Oro and surrounding neighborhoods, continuing the implementation of the community centered vision showcased in the Specific Plan with a modern library that includes a community room and teen spaces. Students from Spring Valley Middle School will greatly benefit as the school will be adjacent to the new library.

Today's proposed action would make a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination, authorize the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to award design and construction contracts, and approve a ground lease agreement with the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District for a new Casa de Oro library.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find, based on the whole record, that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment. Consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration, on file with the Department of General Services dated November 23, 2022, State Clearinghouse # 2021020290 (Attachment C, on file with the Clerk of the Board), together with comments received during public review (Attachment B, on file with the Clerk of the Board), and adopt it, finding that it reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board of Supervisors.
2. Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15074 (d) and authorize the Director of the Department of General Services to ensure compliance with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (Attachment A, on file with the Clerk of the Board).
3. Adopt the Statement of Location and Custodian of Record (Attachment D, on file with the Clerk of the Board).
4. Authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to award design and construction contracts and to take any action authorized by Section 401 et seq. of the Administrative Code and Public Contract Code section 22160, et seq., with respect to contracting for design and construction services for the new Casa de Oro Library.
5. Designate the Director, Department of General Services, as the County Officer responsible for the administration of all contracts associated with the design and construction of the Casa de Oro Library Project.



6. Approve and authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to execute the ground lease agreement for the proposed Casa De Oro Library with the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The new Library project will serve the Casa De Oro community, where 71% of residents live below the Self-Sufficiency Standard, the amount of income required for working families to meet basic needs at a minimally adequate level. The surrounding community has also been identified by both the California Environmental Health Screening Tool, also known as CalEnviroScreen 4.0, (54%) and the California Healthy Places Index, also known as HPI, (36.7%), as greatly impacted by health, racial and environmental inequities. HPI combines 25 community characteristics, such as access to health care, housing, and education into a single indexed HPI score. CalEnviroScreen 4.0 model also uses 21 statewide indicators to identify communities that have been disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution. To ensure equity for this solicitation, inclusionary contracting criteria will be incorporated into the source selection process where possible.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed Casa de Oro Library project will implement low-impact development standards and use sustainable design principles, practices, and performance. The project will obtain a minimum of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification and achieve Zero Net Energy (ZNE). ZNE is defined as a building which has extremely energy-efficient end uses and on-site renewable annual energy production which is greater than the annual energy consumption. The design will incorporate energy-efficient technologies and use Building Automation Systems to monitor and control energy use.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1020105, Casa de Oro Library. Total project budget is \$21,750,000. The funding sources are Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (\$125,000), General Fund fund balance (\$302,065), and General Purpose Revenue (\$21,322,935).

The San Diego County Library anticipates an increase of 3.00 staff years in Fiscal Year 2024-25 with an estimated annual cost of \$320,643 to staff the new building. The funding source will be County Library revenues. Staffing for subsequent years will be incorporated into future operational plans.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

Expenditures for the construction of a new Casa de Oro Branch Library will create private-sector jobs and economic opportunities in San Diego County.

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**11. SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO SET RATES FOR THE VOTER APPROVED CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX (3/14/2023 - First Reading; 4/4/2023 - Second Reading unless ordinance is modified on Second Reading) (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

On January 27, 2021 (4), the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to explore the implementation of a commercial cannabis ordinance, regulations, and programs with a social equity component for the unincorporated area, including the development and implementation of a commercial cannabis taxation program. Relating to the commercial cannabis taxation program, County of San Diego (County) staff returned to the Board on May 10, 2022 (20), with a draft cannabis business tax ordinance and fiscal revenue analysis developed in conjunction with HdL Companies (HdL), the County's cannabis taxation program consultant.

Then, on June 14, 2022 (21), and June 28, 2022 (27), the Board took various actions necessary to place the cannabis business tax measure on the ballot for voter consideration during the consolidated general election on November 8, 2022. In addition to taking these actions, the Board directed the CAO to return to the Board to establish the actual tax rates should the measure be approved by the voters.

The Registrar of Voters certified the November 8, 2022, consolidated general election on December 8, 2022. The County's Cannabis Business Tax (Measure A) required a majority vote (50% plus one) to pass. Measure A passed with a final result of 57.45% of voters voting in favor of the measure.

On January 24, 2023 (16), the Board considered staff's recommended initial rates and directed certain changes. Today's action submits a revised version of the ordinance to the Board. Staff recommends the Board approve the introduction of such ordinance (first reading) today. If the Board approves this action, staff recommends the Board adopt the ordinance on April 4, 2023 (second reading). If the proposed ordinance is amended by motion of the Board at the second reading, an additional meeting date will need to be selected for the ordinance's adoption. In addition to changes directed by the Board, the submitted ordinance reflects an effective date of the Cannabis Business Tax to align with the beginning of a fiscal quarter soonest after the operative date of an approved and adopted ordinance (July 1, 2023).

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**On March 14, 2023:**

Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (First Reading):

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES, TITLE 2, DIVISION 2, CHAPTER 4, RELATING TO SETTING INITIAL RATES FOR THE CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX.**

**If, on March 14, 2023, the Board takes action as recommended then, on April 4, 2023:**

Consider and adopt the Ordinance (second reading) entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CODE OF REGULATORY ORDINANCES, TITLE 2, DIVISION 2, CHAPTER 4, RELATING TO SETTING INITIAL RATES FOR THE CANNABIS BUSINESS TAX.**

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

A disproportionate number of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) individuals remain incarcerated for the past criminalization of cannabis. As cannabis is legalized and permitted in the unincorporated area of San Diego County, the Board saw the need to create a Socially Equitable Cannabis Program to help guide the County's approach to this new potential revenue. On January 27, 2021 (4), the Board directed the CAO to develop a Socially Equitable Cannabis Program (Program) to include Zoning Ordinance and Regulatory Code amendments that allow for a variety of commercial cannabis uses, and a Social Equity Program to prioritize equity, access, and business opportunities to help rectify the injustices caused by the War on Drugs.

Specific to a cannabis taxation program, County staff and consultants engaged in three community outreach sessions where information was made available about cannabis history, market demand for cannabis, revenue generating strategies, future trends in cannabis, general tax ordinance structure and rates, and cannabis tax issues. Participants were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments about the topics discussed. Social equity considerations were a common theme in the feedback received, with comments including concerns that too high or too many taxes could be cost prohibitive for social equity businesses, suggestions to invest future tax revenues into social equity businesses or communities most impacted by the past criminalization of cannabis, and a sentiment that addressing historic and current inequities, not generating revenue, should guide the development of the tax ordinance.

The Office of Equity and Racial Justice (OERJ) will bring forward additional items to the Board relating to the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program at a later date.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Cannabis Business Tax was approved by the voters on November 8, 2022. Elections are the cornerstone of public participation in governmental decision making, which aligns with Goals #1 and #2 of the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals. Goal #1 is to engage the community in meaningful ways - today's action is the culmination of many months of community engagement and public hearings related to the Cannabis Business Tax and is itself another opportunity for the community to participate in the decision-making process. Goal #2 is to provide just and equitable access to County services, policy decision-making, and resource allocation in support of sustainable communities. Sustainability includes four lenses (Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health & Wellbeing). The Cannabis Business Tax, being a general tax for the purpose of funding general governmental activities, can directly impact each of these areas of sustainability as funding is generated and allocated through the regular Operational Plan process.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan in the Treasurer - Tax Collector and Auditor & Controller departments. Additional costs will be incurred to administer the cannabis tax, including a net General Fund cost of \$323,311 and 2.50 additional staff years. In addition, the Chief Administrative Officer, Land Use and Environment Group and the Office of Equity and Racial Justice are working to identify staff resources needed for the establishment of an office that provides management and administration of activities leading towards the development and implementation of the County's Socially Equitable Cannabis Program. It is anticipated that specific recommendations and fiscal impacts will be presented to the Board during the budget process.

The rates that are within this ordinance, as amended by the Board on January 24, 2023 (16), would result in an estimated future annual revenue of \$1,830,000. This revenue projection depends on a variety of factors, including an increased concentration of retailers, market influences on the price of cannabis products as well as future policy and land use decisions by the Board, and it should not be assumed that these revenues will materialize within the first several years of the effective date of the tax rates.

Using the current market as a basis, the initial revenue that may be generated through this action in Fiscal Year 2023-24 is approximately \$140,625. As the Cannabis Business Tax is a general tax, all tax proceeds will be placed into the General Fund for use at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors during the annual Operational Plan process.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

As of October 2021, the Board adopted ordinance amendments to allow the five existing cannabis dispensaries that were in operation in the unincorporated area prior to the County's 2017 prohibition on new medical facilities to continue operations and sell commercial medicinal and adult-use cannabis. Currently, no new dispensaries or other cannabis operations are permitted under the existing ordinances. The Land Use and Environment Group (LUEG) will bring forward additional items to the Board that would allow additional cannabis operations in the unincorporated area at a later date.

Cannabis businesses support a wide variety of other businesses that are not a part of the cannabis supply chain. Cultivators support garden supply stores, greenhouse manufacturers, irrigation suppliers, soil manufacturers, and a wide variety of contractors, including building and construction, lighting and electrical, HVAC, permitting, and engineering. Manufacturers support many of these same businesses, plus specialized tooling and equipment manufacturers, and product suppliers for hardware, packaging, and labeling. All these businesses support, and are supported by, a host of ancillary businesses, such as bookkeepers, accountants, tax preparers, parcel services, marketing and advertising agencies, personnel services, attorneys, mechanics, facilities maintenance, security services, and others. The cannabis business entrepreneur profits and the salaries paid to employees will move into the local economy, support stores, restaurants, car dealerships, contractors, home sales, and other businesses.

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, to further consider and adopt the Ordinance on April 4, 2023.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher  
NOES: Desmond

**12. SUBJECT: BIENNIAL REVIEW OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES-  
APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE AMENDMENTS  
RECEIVED THROUGH FEBRUARY 13, 2023: VARIOUS  
DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than city agencies, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, per Government Code Section 82011.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 87306.5, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors coordinated, on behalf of the Board, the Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Codes for all County Departments and local agencies. The recommended action would approve the proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest codes as received through February 13, 2023 from respective agencies as part of the Biennial Review of Conflict of Interest Codes.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Conflict of Interest Codes adopted by agencies where no changes were necessary (Attachment A):

- Cuyamaca Water District
- University of CA Cooperative Extension

Approve the amended Conflict of Interest Codes adopted by the following agencies (Attachment B):

- Fallbrook Union Elementary School District
- Mountain Empire Unified School District
- National School District
- San Diego Unified Port District
- The Classical Academy

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

County government includes standing and special citizen boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policies and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County and as such must provide transparent bias-free decision-making. The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than city agencies, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. Under the California Political Reform Act, a public official has a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision if it is foreseeable that the decision will have a financial impact on their personal finances or other financial interests. In such cases, there is a risk of biased decision-making that could sacrifice the public's interest in favor of the official's private financial interests. To avoid actual bias or the appearance of possible improprieties, the public official is prohibited from participating in the decision.

The recommended action would approve the submitted Conflict of Interest codes. The Conflict of Interest codes in this Board Letter enable the County of San Diego to provide transparency and accountability to individual residents, ensuring equitable operations of the government that are free from undue influence.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Under the Political Reform Act, all public agencies are required to adopt a Conflict of Interest code that designates positions that are required to file the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Conflict of Interest codes must be maintained as updated and accurate to ensure that necessary public officials report their personal financial interests. These required filings provide public transparency about possible conflicts of interest and to ensure governmental decisions are made in the best interest of the public. This board letter supports the County of San Diego's sustainability goal of, "Engaging the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities and transparently share results of outcomes."

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The funding source for administration of this task is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Adopted Budget for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

13. **SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES FOR LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE O'FARRELL CHARTER SCHOOLS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than city agencies, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, per Government Code Section 82011. The recommended action would approve the proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest codes of La Mesa-Spring Valley School District and The O'Farrell Charter Schools.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Conflict of Interest codes of the following agencies:

1. La Mesa-Spring Valley School District
2. The O'Farrell Charter Schools

## **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

County government includes standing and special citizen boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policies and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County and as such must provide transparent bias-free decision-making. The Board of Supervisors serves as the Code Reviewing Body for any local agency, other than city agencies, with jurisdiction wholly within the County, pursuant to Government Code Section 82011. Under the California Political Reform Act, a public official has a disqualifying conflict of interest in a governmental decision if it is foreseeable that the decision will have a financial impact on their personal finances or other financial interests. In such cases, there is a risk of biased decision-making that could sacrifice the public's interest in favor of the official's private financial interests. To avoid actual bias or the appearance of possible improprieties, the public official is prohibited from participating in the decision.

The recommended action would approve the submitted Conflict of Interest codes. The Conflict of Interest code in this Board Letter enables the County of San Diego to provide transparency and accountability to individual residents, ensuring equitable operations of the government that are free from undue influence.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Under the Political Reform Act, all public agencies are required to adopt a Conflict of Interest code that designates positions that are required to file the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Conflict of Interest codes must be maintained as updated and accurate to ensure that necessary public officials report their personal financial interests. These required filings provide public transparency about possible conflicts of interest and to ensure governmental decisions are made in the best interest of the public. This board letter supports the County of San Diego's sustainability goal of, "Engaging the community to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities and transparently share results of outcomes."

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The funding source for administration of this task is included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Adopted Budget for the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**14. SUBJECT: ACCEPT STATE FUNDING FOR A CULTURAL HUB  
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The revised Legislative Program was approved and adopted by your Board of Supervisors on January 26, 2021. The revised Legislative Program included new abbreviated guiding principles and key legislative initiatives and priorities. Included in the revised Priorities section was new language and direction to “actively pursue all available funding to lift up and invest in our communities to ensure the San Diego region receives its fair share.”

In response to this direction, the Fiscal Year 2022-23 State Budget included funding for a community project at the request of Senate Pro Tempore Toni Atkins that provides a direct benefit to our region. Grant funds are designed to come to local municipalities with community-based organizations designated as sub-recipients. One of these grants is for the Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA) for the creation of a permanent refugee and immigrant cultural hub.

Today’s requested action is to approve receipt of the State funds and to enter into an agreement with the Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA) to implement the program.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Authorize the acceptance of a grant of up to \$3,000,000 in funds from the State of California, Department of Finance for the creation of a permanent refugee and immigrant cultural hub.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute all required funding documents and agreements, including any extensions, amendments, and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.
3. Establish appropriations of \$3,000,000 in the Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs (Org 32162), Services & Supplies, to implement and fund the state-directed grant based on unanticipated revenue from the State of California  
**(4 VOTES)**
4. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, upon successful negotiations, to execute grant agreements or any document or amendment with Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA) for the implementation of the grant and creation of a refugee and immigrant cultural hub.
5. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery.



6. Adopt the Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF NEW AMERICANS (PANA) REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT CULTURAL HUB.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

In an effort to address unmet needs in underserved communities, the California State Legislature allocated project-specific funding that targets investments in programs that serve communities with these unmet needs. This grant provides needed funding to ensure successful implementation of the immigrant and cultural hub which is an essential component of providing opportunities for our region to display the commitment to being a welcoming and supportive community for all those who reside here.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to accept and transfer funds from the State of California, Department of Finance, to a Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA) for the creation of a permanent refugee and immigrant cultural hub is specifically relevant to sustainability. The County of San Diego partners with local community-based organizations to innovate and implement programs that serve the public good. The acceptance and transfer of funding from the State of California to PANA provides the County of San Diego an opportunity to participate and help support PANA in their efforts to provide resources and services to the immigrant and refugee community. Furthermore, the recommended actions will advance equity and opportunities for immigrant and refugee communities by removing barriers to help them integrate into society and thrive.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenue of \$3.0 million in Fiscal Year 2022-23. The funding source is the State of California. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, adopting Resolution No. 23-026, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO RELATING TO APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF NEW AMERICANS (PANA) REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT CULTURAL HUB.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**15. SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 1)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego is fortunate to have an opportunity to reinvest taxpayer money into our communities for the benefit of the public. This action will assist the County in meeting the needs of the community.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHAIR NORA VARGAS**

1. Allocate \$75,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget (Org 12905) to Pacific Arts Movement to provide funding towards staff salaries, facilities, film licensing, equipment, and marketing expenses towards the 23rd San Diego Asian Film Festival, the 12th San Diego Asian Film Festival Spring Showcase, and towards their Reel Voices documentary filmmaking education program. The funds are needed to help address work that has been deferred or left unfunded because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organization, when events were cancelled, and public gatherings limited.
2. Allocate \$75,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) budget (Org 12905) to Robotics Inspiring Science and Engineering, Inc. to provide funding towards assistance with incurred rental expenses due to the loss of a previously donated facility closed due to COVID for program delivery, development, and storage of tournament and COVID mitigation supplies. The funds will also purchase low-cost robotic components to re-deploy low-cost sustainable robotics programs to the community that were shut down due to COVID, and towards contract services to deliver COVID protocols/programs that we were required to bring on board to administer the increased complexity of the program brought on by COVID protocols, rule, and program changes. The funds are needed to help address work that has been deferred or left unfunded because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organization when events were cancelled, and public gatherings limited.
3. Allocate \$5,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to American National Red Cross to support their home fire assistance program to survivors. Funds would be used to help cover the cost of food, temporary housing, counseling, clothing, and personal essentials such as toiletries.
4. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to BLK Box Gallery & Creative Center to support funding to provide a quarterly series of community events featuring local artists, local musicians, and small businesses. Funds would be used to pay artist fees, musician fees, and for promotional materials, including social media ads, posters, and fliers. Funds will also include support towards the development of a lab space dedicated to virtual reality equipment open to the public and for the purpose of exploring new digital spaces. Funds will also be used to purchase VR equipment and accessories to house the equipment for public use.

5. Allocate \$8,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to CafeJ d.b.a. Community Alliance for Family & Justice Education to support a conference at Southwestern College for 400 underrepresented community members with workshops on domestic violence, parenting, immigration, special needs, custody issues, prenatal care, and family and justice education. Funding also includes marketing materials for the conference such as handouts and resources.
6. Allocate \$7,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Chula Vista Rotary Foundation to purchase bikes, helmets, and to fund bike assembly activities in partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs.
7. Allocate \$7,500 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Living Coast Discovery Center to support their Animals on the Bay Day community by providing a reduced-price day for individuals who may face financial hardship to have access to admission.
8. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Pillars of the Community to support staff salaries to organize activities including base building, movement building, leadership development, community building, and civic engagement programs.
9. Allocate \$9,491 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Resource Conservation Foundation of Greater San Diego County to fund salary support for staff towards a spring event at Wild Willow Farm located at 2550 Sunset Ave., San Diego, CA 92154. Funds will be used to purchase supplies such as seeds, potting soil, and pots. Funding also includes stipends for workshop leaders, and to support printing and promotional materials for the spring event in both English and Spanish.
10. Allocate \$74,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to A Reason to Survive to provide funding towards physical and technological improvements to their learning spaces and media lab at the ARTS Center in National City. Technological upgrades include digital media equipment such as PC and Mac workstations, laptops, monitors, projectors, and screens, 3D printers, 3D printing software, iPads, iPad cases and stands, portable speaker system, and a charging and storage cabinet. Funding includes purchasing safety infrastructure and materials such as eye washing station and eye flushing solution, safety gloves, soap and cleaning supplies, dehumidifier, air filtration, and electrical installation. Funding also includes purchasing furniture and classroom supplies such as office chairs, drafting chairs, chair racks, sit-and-stand desks, folding chair carts, bar tables, refrigerator, coolers and ice chests, recycle and trash cans, and silverware. Funding also includes purchasing woodworking, welding, fabrication tools and equipment, and electrical cords.
11. Allocate \$30,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to Groundswell Community Project to purchase surf therapy program kits to be distributed to community partners, body-positive wetsuits and surfboards, safety equipment, art supplies, surf journal prints, a HIPAA-compliant client platform, and a confidential community platform for clients to connect and receive access to on-going resources and support.

12. Allocate \$26,400 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) to Lambda Archives to provide funding for creating a more accessible space for the community by purchasing and installing new automatic doors in the suite's exterior and the entranceway to their archive collection located at 4545 Park Blvd., Suite 104, San Diego, CA 92116.
13. Find that all the grants serve a public purpose and that the grants awarded using ARPA funds are necessary to address an impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the funded organizations.
14. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to enter into agreements and make minor amendments to agreements that do not change the purpose or amount of the grant to organizations awarded funds.
15. Find that the proposed grants to Lambda Archives are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

We recognize the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents in San Diego County. Find that these proposed allocations of funds are intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds for non-profits and local agencies whose work addresses inequities, promotes quality of life and improves outcomes that align with the vision of our county. Organizations and agencies were chosen based on their location or the demographics they serve with a focus on organizations and agencies that focus on vulnerable community members, youth and seniors, and other inclusive community events. The organizations that were chosen work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach, and programs. Their supporting documents were reviewed as well as impact reports and community testimony.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for these grant requests are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan for the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905), Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) and Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650). The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$150,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905), \$56,991 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) and \$130,400 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15650) totaling \$337,391. The funding sources are American Rescue Plan Act, Transient Occupancy Tax Revenue, and General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**16. SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT AND COMMUNITY  
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTION  
FINDING (DISTRICT: 3)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego is fortunate to have an opportunity to reinvest taxpayer money into our communities for the benefit of the public. This action will assist the County in meeting the needs of the community.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)****SUPERVISOR TERRA LAWSON-REMER**

1. Allocate \$20,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Boys & Girls Clubs of Carlsbad for the purchase of a 12-passenger van for the Village Clubhouse.
2. Allocate \$25,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to the Central San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation for the purchase of printers, scanners, copiers, computers, laptops, tablets, label-makers, keyboards, mouses, monitors, TVs, cameras, external hard drives, surge protectors, phones and phone systems, headsets, and lighting.
3. Allocate \$15,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Feeding San Diego to purchase of food for people that are food insecure in the communities of District 3. Feeding San Diego will do one time purchase of rice, canned/dry beans, milk, canned chicken and tuna.
4. Allocate \$30,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to ICNA Relief USA Programs Inc. to purchase two-unit mobile shower trailers.
5. Allocate \$25,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to La Jolla Rotary Foundation to support with the purchase of new trees, plants, and lighted "Welcome to La Jolla" sign.
6. Allocate \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Lambda Archives of San Diego to cover the costs of an exterior entrance door automatic opener and an interior archive door automatic opener that will create a more accessible space.

7. Allocate \$15,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to The North Coast Repertory Theatre, a Nonprofit Corporation for the purchase of EMC Retro Kit to replace existing lit photo with a digital sign that can easily be changed with images and information about the theatre.
8. Allocate \$20,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to The Shine Project Foundation for the purchase of a new van, trailer, video camera, surfboards, rash guards, generator, megaphone, outdoor PA system, storage bins, portable wheelchair ramps, classroom set of crayons, classroom set of scissors, classroom set of markers, life jackets, folding tables, and folding chairs.
9. Allocate \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to United Way of San Diego County for the purchase of HVAC units for energy efficiency, an employee entrance auto door opener, interior door handle sets, and an elevator cab.
10. Allocate \$10,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660) to Vehicles for Change San Diego, Inc. for the one-time purchase of textbooks, wrenches, torque stick set, tread gauge, tire inflation gauge, valve core tool, valve stem installation tool, wheel lock removal tool kit, twist tool kit, pressure test, fuel injection test kit, socket holder, magnetic screwdriver holder, socket organizer, socket rail tray, wrench holder, wrench rack, sockets, tie rod installation tool, tie rod separating tool, screwdrivers, ratchet, pliers, knife-scraper, oil filter strap wrench, oil socket nut removal, safety glasses, harmonic balancer, spill proof funnel kit, door panel tool set, drill bits, mini pick set, punches and chisels, tape measure, flashlight, telescoping magnetic pick up tool, jump start box, brake fluid tester, hammer, extensions, expendables, wire stripper, wire crimping tool, Digital Volt-Ohm Meter, test light, brakes, battery, A/C thermometer, earthquake anvil, air hammer, drill with battery and charger, screw gun with battery and charger, thin flip socket, air blow gun, Scantool system, and books that align with the curriculum.
11. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Hillel San Diego for the support of staff salary for the new Glickman Hillel Center at the University of California San Diego.
12. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Vehicles for Change to support the cost of executive director, social worker wages and monthly rent.
13. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Program budget (Org 12905) to ArtsBusXpress to support the cost of website development and marketing expenses from school closures, recover lost fundraising time and donations due to school closures.
14. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Program budget (Org 12905) to Coronado School of the Arts Foundation to cover portion of the salary of a part-time staff member, that was cut due to lack of funding during COVID-19.

15. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Program budget (Org 12905) to Experience Nature Unplugged to provide operational support for staff salaries, supplies for educational and experiential programming, and office rent.
16. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Program budget (Org 12905) to Free to Thrive to support payroll costs due to inflation rates and rising salary costs due to pandemic.
17. Allocate \$15,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Program budget (Org 12905) to Urban Corps of San Diego County to purchase tools including chainsaws, weed eaters, and pressure washers, and support with safety gear. Funding will support work opportunities that were lost or put on hold due to COVID-19.
18. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Program budget (Org 12905) to Zero8Hundred, Inc. to cover the cost of payroll, rent/mortgage, and invoices to rebuild income loss as sources of funding became less available during the pandemic.
19. Amend the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, effective 01/11/2022 (5), which allocated \$20,000 to Think Dignity to purchase a 3-unit mobile shower trailer, including one ADA-compliant, wheelchair accessible unit, to expand access to safe hygienic showers for their homeless program. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs amend the grant agreement accordingly.
20. Amend the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, effective 08/16/2022 (10), which allocated \$15,000 to Jewish Family Services to include the purchase of freezer, six tables, label maker, four carts, printer system and labels, produce shelving bins, shelving bins. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
21. Amend the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, effective 02/07/2023 (10), which allocated \$15,000 to San Diego Blood Bank to purchase five new blood donor beds. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
22. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to execute grant agreements or amendments to agreements with the organizations awarded grants establishing terms for receipt of the funds described above and to make minor amendments to the agreements that are consistent with the general purpose of the grants but do not increase the grants.
23. Find that each of the grants has a public purpose and that allocations made using American Rescue Plan funds are necessary to address an impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the funded organization.

24. Find in accordance with Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines that the proposed grants to La Jolla Rotary Foundation, Lambda Archives of San Diego, and United Way of San Diego County are exempt from CEQA review.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

We recognize that the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents in San Diego County. Find that these proposed allocations of funds are intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds for nonprofits whose work addresses inequities, promotes quality of life and improves outcomes that align with the vision of our county. Organizations were chosen based on their location or the demographics they serve with a focus on organizations that focus on vulnerable community member, youth events and inclusive community events. The organizations that were chosen work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach and programs. Their supporting documents were reviewed as well as impact reports and community testimony.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed action to fund nonprofit organizations improves quality of life and supports long term sustainability of the community, advancing the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals to educate the community, protect ecosystems, habitats, biodiversity, and transition to a green, carbon-free economy.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the grant allocation requests are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15660), Community Enhancement Program (Org 12900) and the Community Enhancement ARPA Program (Org 12905). The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$180,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15660), \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900), and \$80,000 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Program budget (Org 12905) totaling \$280,000. The funding sources are General Purpose Revenue and Transient Occupancy Tax Revenues.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond



**17. SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 5)**

**OVERVIEW**

Community Enhancement and Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funding assists nonprofit organizations in providing essential services to citizens of San Diego County. Reinvesting taxpayer money in worthwhile organizations is a benefit to the citizens and communities of North County.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR JIM DESMOND**

1. Allocate \$25,000 from Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Autism Society San Diego, Inc. to support staff and one-time website cost the Pool PALS program which includes expanding lessons in North San Diego County and hiring and training new instructors to save the lives of children and adults with autism.
2. Allocate \$25,000 from Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Backcountry Communities Thriving to support operation and programs at the Backcountry Resource Center, a service center available to all residents of San Diego's backcountry, including paying for rent and utilities costs for the service center, and food operation cost to backcountry residents and seniors with mobility issues.
3. Allocate \$5,000 from Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Borrego Springs Community Concert Association to support rental and transportation cost for free community and school concerts in Borrego Springs.
4. Allocate \$12,125 from Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Escondido Chamber of Commerce Charitable Foundation to support award ceremony cost including catering, venue, student giveaways such as trophies, awards, t-shirts, marketing materials and printing cost for the Rising Stars program that recognizes students who serve their community, achieve academic excellence, and are in financial need.
5. Allocate \$20,000 from Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Oceanside Historical Society, Inc. to support the design and printing cost of the History of Oceanside book, video history cost, and payroll.
6. Allocate \$35,000 from Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Vista Chamber of Commerce to support the cost of the Vista Strawberry Festival event located at 170 Eucalyptus Avenue, Ste. 115, Vista, CA 92084 including staff salaries, rentals, materials and item giveaways that supports the community and promotes tourism.
7. Allocate \$28,050 from Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to Canine Companions for Independence, Inc. to assist with repair cost for the main campus building, covered walkways, kennels, and back patio cover to help make the campus a safe place for staff, clients and dogs to train located at 124 Rancho Del Oro Drive, Oceanside, CA 92057.

8. Allocate \$6,500 from Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to the North County African American Women's Association Incorporated for the purchase of signage, flyers, printed materials, audio/visual equipment, youth giveaway items, one-time web support, speakers, microphones, staging items, table décor, awards, and photo booth for the NCAAWA Women's Conference event.
9. Allocate \$20,000 from Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to North San Diego Business Chamber to help with the purchase of an interactive presentation board, webcam system, staff devices for working remotely, signage, printed materials, name badges, plaques, and trophies to expand and improve the Operation Connect program for veterans.
10. Allocate \$16,000 from Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to the Pacific Lyric Association to assist with the purchase of a portable multi-use opera set that can be adapted and reassembled for each new production.
11. Allocate \$10,000 from Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to Vehicles for Change San Diego, Inc. to assist with automotive equipment costs such as hand tools, power tools, air compressors, Scantool system, and research books for the Vehicles for Change San Diego Pilot Program.
12. Allocate \$20,000 from Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to Visit Oceanside, Inc. to assist with the purchase of outdated IT equipment including computers, firewall units and access point replacements to support operational efficiency.
13. Allocate \$30,000 from Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to the Vista Chamber of Commerce to acquire the Spanish language versions of the Vista Magazine both digitally and in print.
14. Allocate \$22,000 from Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) to the Warner Unified School District to assist with the purchase and installation of a 5000 -gallon water tank, hauled water, water heater replacement, and plumbing for the kitchen located at 30951 Highway 79, Warner Springs, CA 92086.
15. Rescind the 3/2/21 (16) allocation of \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the California Lookouts Foundation for reallocation to other projects.
16. Rescind the 8/30/22 (7) allocation of \$96,827 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act Program budget (Org 12905) to the Fallbrook Regional Health District Foundation for reallocation to other projects.
17. Find that the grants serve a public purpose.
18. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to execute grant agreements with the organizations awarded grants establishing terms for receipt of the funds described above and to make minor amendments to the agreements that are consistent with the general purpose of the grants but do not increase the grants.

19. Find that the allocations to the Canine Companions for Independence, Inc. and Warner Unified School District are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

These proposed allocations of funds are intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds for nonprofits whose work addresses inequities by providing services to all with an emphasis on underserved communities. The organizations that were chosen work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach, and programs.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The proposed allocation of funds will contribute to the overall sustainability of the region by providing funding to organizations that align with the County of San Diego Sustainability Goals by engaging the community, provide just and equitable access, transition to a green and carbon-free economy, protect the health and wellbeing of the community members, protect water, ecosystems, habitats, biodiversity and/or reduce pollution and waste.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for this request are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operational Plan for the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15670). The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$122,125 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) and \$152,550 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15670) totaling \$274,675. The funding sources are Transient Occupancy Tax Revenues and General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

18. **SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 2)**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego is fortunate to have an opportunity to reinvest taxpayer money into our communities for the benefit of the public. This action will assist the County in meeting the needs of the community.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

### **SUPERVISOR JOEL ANDERSON**

1. Allocate \$25,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Home of Guiding Hands Corporation to fund vendor costs, advertisements, and venue rental expenses for the annual Randy Jones Walk for Independence.
2. Allocate \$100,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to the Julian Chamber of Commerce to pay for general operation expenses and staff salaries for its visitor center and administration office, maintaining and supplying the public restrooms at the Julian Town Hall, and to pay for trash collection services.
3. Allocate \$6,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to The Julian 4th of July Parade, Inc. to fund the production of the annual Julian 4th of July Parade, including vendor expenses and entertainment.
4. Allocate \$5,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Upcountry, Inc. to sponsor afterschool programs that would provide access to mountain bike and snorkeling activities for underprivilege students in District 2.
5. Allocate \$10,500 from the Community Enhancement ARPA budget (Org 12905) to Tierrasanta Community Council to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organization as a result of lost fundraising activities and reduced income to fund six consecutive community concerts that are open to the public, including performer fees, advertising and venue costs to plan future outdoor events after the lockdowns.
6. Allocate \$39,427 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15655) to the Armed Services YMCA of the U.S.A. to fund the remaining costs of replacing of the arena cover located at the Horse of the Sun Ranch in Pine Valley, CA.
7. Allocate \$67,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15655) to Noah Homes, Inc. to fund the purchase and installation of new appliances and furniture for their residents' homes, the replacement of outdated plumbing for one of the oldest residences on site, and renovating bathrooms for residents' safety and comfort located at 12526 Campo Rd. Spring Valley, CA 91978.
8. Allocate \$200,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15655) to the Ramona Town Hall, Inc. to fund the labor and materials expenses needed to stabilize and renovate the main hall of the Ramona Town Hall located at 729 Main Street, Ramona, CA 92065.
9. Allocate \$149,775 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15655) to the Ramona Union School District to fund for repairing and upgrading Ramona High School's Football field visitor bleachers and scoreboard located at 720 Ninth Street, Ramona, CA 92065.

10. Amend the purpose of the 11/15/22 (14) allocation of \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Community Health Improvement Partners to provide operational support for the Farm to Institution Programs. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to amend the grant agreement accordingly.
11. Find that the grants have a public purpose and that the grant made using American Rescue Plan Act funds are necessary to address an adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organization receiving funds.
12. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to execute grant agreements or amendments to agreements with the organizations awarded grants establishing terms for receipt of the funds described above and to make minor amendments to the agreements that are consistent with the general purpose of the grants but do not increase the grants.
13. Find that the allocations to Julian Chamber of Commerce, Armed Services YMCA of the U.S.A., Noah Homes, Inc., Ramona Town Hall, Inc., and Ramona Unified School District are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

We recognize that the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents in San Diego County. Find that these proposed allocations of funds are intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds for nonprofits whose work addresses inequities, promotes a better quality of life and improves outcomes that align with the vision of our county. Organizations were chosen based on their location or the demographics they serve with a focus on organizations that serve vulnerable community members, youth events and inclusive community events. The organizations that were chosen work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach and programs. Their supporting documents were reviewed as well as impact reports and community testimony

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The investment of these grant funds into the specified community organizations and non-profits will promote the financial sustainability and economic viability of San Diego County communities for generations to come.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for the grant allocations are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan for the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900), Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905), and Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15655). The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$136,000 from the Community Enhancement budget (Org 12900), \$10,500 from the Community Enhancement American Rescue Plan Act budget (Org 12905), and \$456,202 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15655) totaling \$602,702. The funding sources are Transient Occupancy Tax, ARPA funds, and General Purpose Revenue. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

## **19. SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT, NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANTS AND CEQA EXEMPTIONS (DISTRICT: 4)**

### **OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego is fortunate to have an opportunity to reinvest taxpayer money into our communities for the benefit of the public. This action will assist the County in meeting the needs of the community.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

#### **SUPERVISOR NATHAN FLETCHER**

1. Allocate \$26,472 from the Community Enhancement ARPA Program budget (Org 12905) to ArtsBusXpress to help address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organization as a result of lost fundraising time and donations to help pay for website development and marketing changes that were made during the pandemic to provide virtual field trip experiences and assist with the cost of bus transportation.
2. Allocate \$19,500 from the Community Enhancement ARPA Program budget (Org 12905) to Experience Nature Unplugged to help address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organization as a result of lost fundraising opportunities and income by providing funds for operational positions to offset salary costs to allow them to provide more scholarships and subsidized programming to the community. Funds will also help offset programing costs related to the supplies needed to provide their educational and experimental events.
3. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Balboa Art Conservation Center to help the development of the art conservation workforce by providing internships to high school and community college students and put on workshops focusing on caring for cultural collections as well as creating educational toolkits that teachers can use to teach their students about conservation.
4. Allocate \$20,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Francis Parker School Horizons National Student Enrichment Program Inc. to help cover the cost of year-round program scholarships to students that will help with personal wages, operational expenses, healthy meals, enrichment opportunities, transportation, and academic support.

5. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to Pillars of the Community to help support general operating expenses for key activities such as base building, movement building, leadership development, community building, and civic engagement.
6. Allocate \$10,000 from the Community Enhancement Program budget (Org 12900) to The Regents of the University of California for the University of California at San Diego campus to help fund coaching for caregivers of children with FASD equipping them with behavioral and mental health management skills and help cover expenses for case management and referrals as well as for screening and assessment services. Psychoeducation and Behavioral Therapy to provide services for children in juvenile justice and foster care systems who have been diagnosed with FASD.
7. Allocate \$25,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to American Lung Association to help cover the expenses for the 2023 LUNG FORCE Walk including canopies, tables, chairs, radio spots, game rentals, signage, and restrooms.
8. Allocate \$44,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to Balboa Art Conservation Center to help the upgrade of imaging technology at their art conservation lab including their analog x-ray machine, microscope, and replacing their infrared reflectography camera with digital versions and make health and safety workspace improvements such as replacing carpet with vinyl flooring, updating storage and work surfaces.
9. Allocate \$40,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to Feeding San Diego to help with expenses for food purchases and groceries to help meet the needs of food insecure individuals that would not typically be acquired through food donations or rescue.
10. Allocate \$25,000 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to San Diego Black LGBTQ Coalition to help cover the costs of creating the first Black LGBTQ+ Drop-in Center including acquiring furniture, decorations, and technology such as tables, couches, desks, chairs, pictures, posters, Black art, paintings, printers, computers, and TVs.
11. Allocate \$34,025 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program budget (Org 15665) to United Way of San Diego County to help cover the costs of capital tenant improvements such as replacing HVAC units, entrance auto door openers, interior door handle sets, and elevator cab that are ADA compliant.
12. Find that the grants have a public purpose and that the grants made using American Rescue Plan Act funds are necessary to address an adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the organizations receiving funds.

13. Authorize the Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs to execute grant agreements or amendments to agreements with the organizations awarded grants establishing terms for receipt of the funds described above and to make minor amendments to the agreements that are consistent with the general purpose of the grants but do not increase the grants.
14. Find that the proposed grants to Balboa Art Conservation Center, San Diego Black LGBTQ Coalition, and United Way of San Diego County are exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by Section 15301 of the CEQA guidelines.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

We recognize that the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents in San Diego County. The proposed allocation of funds is intended to improve the quality of life throughout the County by providing funds to nonprofits whose work addresses inequities by providing services to all throughout the county. Organizations are chosen for funding based on their location or the demographics they serve with a focus on underserved communities that contain higher numbers of People of Color and LGBTQ+ people. Organizations chosen should work to promote a sense of belonging and utilize equity in their operations, outreach, and programs. Supporting documents were reviewed as well as impact reports and community testimony to verify the organization meets these goals.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's action to support these organizations supports the County of San Diego's Goals of sustainability by funding organizations that support sustainability and environmental justice.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds for these grant allocation requests are included in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operational Plan for the Community Enhancement ARPA Program (Org 12905), Community Enhancement Program (Org 12900) and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15665). The fiscal impact of these recommendations is \$45,972 from the Community Enhancement ARPA Program (Org 12905), \$50,000 from the Community Enhancement Program (Org 12900), and \$168,025 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (Org 15665) totaling \$263,997. The funding sources are Transient Occupancy Tax Revenues, ARPA funds, and General Purpose Revenue.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond



**20. SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS: VARIOUS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

This appointment is in accordance with applicable Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees."

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR NATHAN FLETCHER**

Waive Board Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," and re-appoint James Lepanto to the HEALTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (HSAB), Seat No. 7 for a term to expire January 4, 2027.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

County government includes standing and special citizen boards, commissions, committees and task forces formed to advise the Board of Supervisors and County staff on issues and policy and to serve as links to the community. Boards, commissions and committees provide an inter-relationship between the residents and the government of the County. The nominations in this Board Letter enable the County of San Diego to provide individual residents the opportunity to impart valuable insight and input into the operation of the government.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego has over one hundred boards, commissions, committees, and task forces that serve as voice in the County government. Advisory bodies are an essential role in resident engagement that allow citizens to participate on issues relating to the welfare and quality of life in the County. They are fundamental to the County of San Diego's ability to navigate complex and dynamic policy challenges, are a conduit to the County Bureaucracy, and a broker to community voice. This board letter supports the County of San Diego Sustainability Goal No.1 by "encourage[ing] people and diverse stakeholders to partner and participate in decisions that impact their lives and communities."

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**21. SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Board Policy A-72, Board of Supervisors Agenda and Related Process, authorizes the Clerk of the Board to prepare a Communications Received for Board of Supervisors' Official Records. Routine informational reports, which need to be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors yet not requiring action, are listed on this document. Communications Received documents are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Note and file.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**

This board letter is a list of documents received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and/or Board of Supervisors from other entities, other county departments, the public, and internal documents presented to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or the Board of Supervisors. This contributes to the overall sustainability of the county by engaging the community in meaningful ways and promote an environment that provides equitable access opportunities for public engagement.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

N/A

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**22. SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DENOUNCING ANTISEMITIC RHETORIC AND HATE CRIMES TOWARDS JEWISH PEOPLE IN SAN DIEGO (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The County of San Diego is committed to inclusive and accepting communities across our region. Hate crimes against the Jewish community have been on the rise in recent years both locally and nationally. In 2020, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reported a six percent increase in all hate crimes from the previous year, representing the highest total in 12 years. The

FBI also reported that attacks against Jewish people and Jewish institutions made up nearly 60 percent of all religious-based hate crimes. In 2021, the Jewish community in San Diego experienced 38 recorded incidents of antisemitism, including 14 cases of vandalism, 23 incidents of harassment, and one assault.

This troubling local and national trend has been linked to an alarming lack of public knowledge about the history of racism and bigotry against Jewish people. At the same time, there has been a well-documented rise in online hate and the proliferation of Holocaust denial conspiracy theories. San Diego County is taking a proactive stance, including the creation of a Holocaust Remembrance Exhibit on County-owned property this year (January 24, 2023 (1)).

This bigotry can have tragic results. For example, in 2019, an armed gunman opened fire in a San Diego County synagogue during services resulting in one death and multiple injuries. We must do what we can to combat hate to prevent tragedies such as this from occurring ever again. Today's action of passing a resolution denouncing antisemitic rhetoric and hate crimes towards Jewish people would reaffirm the County's commitment to inclusion and acceptance of all, including members of the Jewish community.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**SUPERVISOR TERRA LAWSON-REMER AND SUPERVISOR NATHAN FLETCHER**  
Adopt the Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DENOUNCING ANTISEMITIC RHETORIC AND HATE CRIMES TOWARDS JEWISH PEOPLE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

This resolution underscores the County's commitment to denouncing antisemitic behavior and hate crimes towards Jewish people in San Diego. San Diego County is a diverse region and as such, the Board of Supervisors is committed to creating safe and welcoming environments in every part of this county.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The adoption of today's resolution denouncing antisemitic rhetoric and hate crimes towards Jewish people advances the County's sustainability goals by protecting the health and wellbeing of everyone in the region.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

#### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 23-027, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DENOUNCING ANTISEMITIC RHETORIC AND HATE CRIMES TOWARDS JEWISH PEOPLE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**23. SUBJECT: EQUITY IN ACTION: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR BY EXPANDING DATA ACCESS AND TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS (DISTRICT: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Since declaring racism a public health crisis and establishing the Office of Equity and Racial Justice (OERJ) and the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice (OSEJ), the County of San Diego (County) has taken a firm stance on dismantling systemic racism. While the County has taken several steps to address health, social, and economic inequities that exist among communities of color, there is an opportunity to amplify the voices of communities of color by giving them greater ownership and responsibility for community issues. Minimizing barriers to data access, information sharing, and community leadership development can support communities of color, who are experts of their own community. By giving them the tools to advocate for themselves, communities of color are more likely to engage in the problem-solving and decision-making process to improve their communities. With the launch of an annual equity impact report and the expected rollout of 36 new equity indicators in Spring 2023, we urge the County to address how communities of color can effectively and efficiently access County data and information to support their community efforts. Building on the County's commitment to addressing inequities systemically and uplifting communities of color, we urge the County to support the pipeline of community leaders.

Reducing barriers to data utility, usability, and user experience by reshaping the County Data Portal based on community input will allow communities of color to access County data more efficiently. Building from the reevaluation of County values, policies, and practice, County metrics also need to be reevaluated as new data sources become available. If a gap in community baselines and/or metrics is identified, the County can set new benchmarks to improve the well-being and health of a community. In expanding data collaboration, we recommend developing a plan to find innovative ways to gain and distribute data knowledge between groups, coalitions, and County departments. Additionally, we recommend the County supports the ongoing development of community leaders and data-driven projects through Resident Leadership Academies and other training programs by creating a plan that identifies potential sustainable funding sources for community-driven projects.

Today's actions will ensure that the County continues to take an active role in advancing equity by increasing data access and expanding community leadership trainings. Minimizing barriers to data access and finding sustainable funding for training programs can support and empower communities of color, who are experts of their community, to advocate for themselves in addressing health, social, and economic disparities. We are asking the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board in 120 days with an update on our proposed recommendations.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHAIRWOMAN NORA VARGAS**

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board in 120 days with a community-driven plan to expand the utility, usability, and user experience of the County Data Portal.

2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board in 120 days with a community-driven outreach strategy to improve information sharing opportunities between groups, coalitions, and County departments.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board in 120 days with a community-driven plan to reevaluate all current County metrics using available data sources and identify gaps, if applicable, to assist with establishing benchmarks for improvement.
4. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board in 120 days with a community-informed plan and sustainable funding to support the ongoing development of community leaders through programs such as Resident Leadership Academies and other training programs.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The County of San Diego (County) is committed to ensuring a just, sustainable, and resilient future for all as well as ensuring its diverse communities are healthy, safe, and thriving. Every San Diegan experiences the world differently and has unique circumstances and opportunities that can impact health, lifestyle behaviors, and overall well-being, leading to differences in health outcomes, or health inequities. These health disparities exist among our communities, including when there are challenges to data accessibility.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the County of San Diego's (County) Sustainability Goal #1 to engage and collaborate with community members and advocate for health, social, and economic equity for communities that have been disproportionately impacted by social determinants of health by expanding data access and information sharing to better understand key health needs, gaps, and opportunities. Additionally, today's actions support Sustainability Goal #2 to provide just and equitable access to services and policy decision-making by expanding data access and information sharing and supporting community leadership development that can open opportunities to engage and collaborate with communities who have been historically underrepresented. Sustainability Goal #4 to protect health and wellbeing of everyone in the region by strengthening community voice and leadership in the policy-decision making process related to environmental justice and other social justice efforts.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with today's recommendations. There may be future fiscal impacts based on recommendations from today's actions. Funding for the costs will need to be identified by the department and will proceed once identified. The Department will monitor its budget and return to the Board with mid-year action to adjust the budget if necessary and/or incorporate future budgets as funding becomes available. At this time, there is no impact to net General Fund costs, and there will be no additional staff years.

#### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Fletcher, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**24. SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 SECOND QUARTER OPERATIONAL PLAN  
STATUS REPORT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

This report summarizes the status of the County's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Adopted Operational Plan, as measured by projected year-end fund balance from current year operations. The projected year-end balance for the General Fund is \$73.5 million (or 1.0% of the General Fund budget), and \$123.1 million (or 1.2% of the Overall budget) for all budgetary funds combined. The projected fund balance anticipates an overall positive expenditure variance and an overall negative revenue variance from the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Amended Budget. The projection assumes General Purpose Revenue will perform better than estimated, and all business groups will produce operating balances except for the Health and Human Services Agency due to the contribution to Innovative Housing Trust Fund which will be covered by overall variance in County General Fund and all business groups staying within the legal appropriation limit. The General Fund year-end fund balance projection includes the assumption that the County will continue to incur COVID-19 costs and anticipates receipt of additional federal and State emergency response funding including Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revenue to continue response efforts. The projected balance for all other funds combined is \$49.6 million (1.8% of the other funds combined budget).

Transfers and revisions to the amended budget can be made by formal action of the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the California County Budget Act, Government Code (GC) Section 29125. Increases to the overall budget require 4 votes. Transfers of appropriations between departments within the same budgetary fund that do not increase the overall budget, or the cancellation of appropriations require a majority vote. Transfers of appropriations to facilitate transfers between budgetary funds require 4 votes even if the overall budget is not increased.

In the Public Safety Group (PSG), the recommendation includes appropriation adjustment to provide funding for the San Diego County Animal Shelter capital project; for the transfer of funds to Other Agencies related to the reorganization of County Service Area (CSA) 69; for East Otay Mesa Fire Station #38 project and for unanticipated ambulance transportation service contract cost of CSA 17.

In the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), recommendations include contributions to the Innovative Housing Trust Fund, appropriation adjustments to support the increase in California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) assistance payment program, to provide funding for the East Region Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and Recovery Bridge Center project, funding for the No Cost Senior Transportation program, and swap funding sources to leverage an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) lost revenue strategy.

In the Land Use and Environment Group (LUEG), recommendations include appropriation adjustments for distribution of Fish and Game State Fines and Forfeitures monies to the public through a grant program, for an Electric Vehicle Charging Unit for the Estrella Park Water Quality Project, for the Ramona Airport 09-27 Runway Rehabilitation Project and for technical assistance for the Broadband for All project.

In the Finance and General Government Group (FGG), recommendations include appropriation adjustments to fund several major unanticipated settlements in Public Liability Internal Service Fund, for the Hall of Justice Major Systems Renovation Project, for electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and portable EV charging units, and for funding to pay for one-time expenses in the Board of Supervisors' offices.

In the Finance Other (FO), the recommendation includes an appropriation adjustment for a one-time contribution to the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association to reduce the pension fund's Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Accept the Fiscal Year 2022-23 second quarter report on projected year-end results.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to contribute \$25,000,000 to the Innovative Housing Trust Fund based on existing general fund supported appropriations in the Health and Human Agency.

##### **Increases to the Overall Budget and/or Transfers Between Budgetary Funds (Recommendations 3 through 16):**

3. Transfer appropriations of \$11,573,133 from Probation, Salaries & Benefits (\$8,700,000); Public Safety Group, Salaries & Benefits (\$384,386) and Services & Supplies (\$293,706); and Finance Other, Services & Supplies (\$2,195,041), to the Contributions to Capital Outlay Fund, Operating Transfers Out, to provide funding for Capital Project 1020254, San Diego County Animal Shelter; *and* establish appropriations of \$11,573,133 in the Capital Outlay Fund, Fixed Assets (\$9,830,733) and Operating Transfers Out (\$1,742,400), for Capital Project 1020254, San Diego County Animal Shelter, based on an Operating Transfer In from the General Fund; *and* cancel and reestablish appropriations of \$2,195,401 in Contributions to Trial Court, based on change in funding source from the Expenditure Transfer & Reimbursements (to Finance Other) to unanticipated AB 177 backfill revenues. **(4 VOTES)**
4. Establish appropriations of \$11,000,000 in the County Service Area 69, Contributions to Other Agencies, for the transfer of funds to the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District based on the available prior year County Service Area 69 fund balance. **(4 VOTES)**
5. Establish appropriations of \$1,000,000 in the County Service Area 17, Services & Supplies, for unanticipated ambulance transportation costs, based on available fund balance from County Service Area 17. **(4 VOTES)**
6. Establish appropriations of \$40,000,000 in the Health and Human Services Agency, Other Charges, to support the increase in California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) assistance payment based on State mandated grant increase. **(4 VOTES)**

7. Establish appropriations of \$3,000,000 in the County Health Complex Fund for Capital Project 1024603, Fixed Assets, East Region CSU and Recovery Bridge Center, based on Behavioral Health Realignment. **(4 VOTES)**
8. Establish appropriations of \$15,000 in the Fish and Game Propagation Fund, Other Charges, for distributing Fish and Game State Fines and Forfeitures monies to the public, based on available prior year Fish and Game Propagation Fund fund balance. **(4 VOTES)**
9. Establish appropriations of \$88,000 in the Fleet Parts & Fuel ISF, Capital Assets Equipment, for the purchase, installation, and maintenance contract for an Electric Vehicle Charging Unit for the Estrella Park Water Quality Project, based on an Operating Transfer In from the Flood Control District. **(4 VOTES)**
10. Establish appropriations of \$150,000 in DPW Airport Enterprise Fund (AEF), Fixed Assets, to provide funds for the Ramona Airport 09-27 Runway Rehabilitation Project, based on available prior year Airport Enterprise Fund fund balance. **(4 VOTES)**
11. Establish appropriations of \$610,890 in the Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Fallbrook Improvement Impact Fund, Operating Transfers Out, based on available prior year PLDO Fallbrook Improvement Impact Fund fund balance; *and* cancel appropriations of \$610,890 in the Park Land Dedication Ordinance (PLDO) Area 35 Fallbrook Fund, Operating Transfers Out, to utilize available fund balance in PLDO Fallbrook Improvement Impact Fund instead of PLDO Area 35 Fallbrook Fund, to support Capital Project 1022921 Fallbrook Local Park. **(4 VOTES)**
12. Cancel and reestablish appropriations of \$4,100,000 in the Health and Human Services Agency, Services & Supplies, for the Hotel/Motel Voucher Program based on change in funding source from General Purpose Revenue to Intergovernmental Revenues ARPA. Establish appropriations of \$3,000,000 in the Contributions to General Services Internal Service Fund (ISF), Operating Transfers Out, based on General Purpose Revenue; *and* establish appropriations of \$3,000,000 in the Facilities Management ISF (\$2,065,000), Operating Transfers Out, and in the Fleet Parts & Fuel ISF (\$935,000), Capital Assets Equipment, to fund electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and portable EV charging units, based on an Operating Transfers In from the General Fund.  
  
Establish appropriations of \$1,100,000 in the Contributions to Capital Outlay Fund, Operating Transfers Out, for Capital Project 1023723, East Otay Mesa Fire Station #38, based on General Purpose Revenue; *and* cancel and reestablish appropriations of \$1,100,000 in the Capital Outlay Fund, Capital Assets/Land Acquisition, based on a change in revenue from Intergovernmental Revenues (ARPA) to Operating Transfers In from the General Fund. **(4 VOTES)**
13. Establish appropriations of \$18,100,000, Services & Supplies, in the Public Liability Internal Service Fund, for the purpose of funding several major unanticipated settlements based on available internal service fund resources. **(4 VOTES)**



14. Establish appropriation of \$8,769,889 in Finance other, Services & Supplies and related revenue for a one-time contribution to the San Diego County Employees Retirement Association to reduce the pension fund's Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, based on General Purpose Revenue generated from one-time unanticipated growth in assessed value. **(4 VOTES)**
15. Transfer appropriations within departments between Services & Supplies and Operating Transfers Out, as noted in Appendix C, in the net amount of \$8,578,557 for major maintenance projects listed in Appendix C that were subsequently reclassified, based on capitalization thresholds, for financial reporting purposes; *and* establish and cancel appropriations, as noted in Appendix C for a net increase of \$8,578,557 in the Major Maintenance Capital Outlay Fund and adjust related funding sources as noted to accurately classify major maintenance projects for financial reporting purposes. **(4 VOTES)**
16. Establish appropriations of \$690,046 in Board of Supervisors District 1 (\$148,353), District 2 (\$200,000), District 3 (\$58,840), District 4 (\$138,882), and District 5 (\$143,971), Services & Supplies, for one-time expenses based on over-realized General Purpose Revenue. **(4 VOTES)**

**Transfers Within Budgetary Funds and/or Cancellation of Appropriations  
(Recommendations 17 through 18):**

17. Transfer appropriations of \$2,000,000 from the Finance Other, General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges, including \$1,500,000 appropriated for Senior & Youth Services component of the ARPA funds, to the Health and Human Services Agency, Services & Supplies for no cost transportation for seniors and \$500,000 to the Land Use and Environment Executive Office, Services & Supplies, for the Broadband for All project planning technical assistance, based on available ARPA funds.
18. Cancel appropriations of \$81,739 and related Operating Transfer In from the General Fund in the Multiple Species Conservation Program Acquisition Fund to properly record related non-capital pre-acquisition expenses; *and* transfer appropriations of \$81,739 from the Contribution to Capital Outlay Fund, Operating Transfers Out to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Services & Supplies, to properly record related non-capital pre-acquisition expenses.

**EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

After the Board of Supervisors adopts the Operational Plan, it is monitored by the departments, Groups, and the Board. Departments are expected to work within their respective budgets. Budgets may, however, be modified during the year as circumstances warrant. In conjunction with the fund balance projection process, the Chief Administrative Officer meets with each Group to review accomplishments, emergent issues, and budget status. Department heads are required to communicate any potential problems or errors to the appropriate authority. Groups complete fund balance projections quarterly providing explanations of significant variances of their budget. The recommended actions are intended to provide resources to address inequities in County services and to identify disparities, develop meaningful outcomes, and create a County government culture of equity, belonging, and racial justice.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's actions support the sustainability measures across the County considering the environment, economy, health/wellbeing, and/or social aspects of the community by aligning the County's available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds associated with today's recommendations are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operational Plan. If approved, in the General Fund these actions will result in an increase to the overall budget of \$53,559,935, transfers between budgetary funds of \$11,573,133, transfers within budgetary funds of \$10,610,296 and no cancellation of appropriations. The funding sources for the increases are State Grant (\$40,000,000) and General Purpose Revenue (\$13,559,935).

In all other funds combined, these actions will result in a net increase to the overall budget of \$56,422,951, transfers within budgetary funds of \$50,000, and cancellation of appropriations of \$2,705,155. The funding sources for the net increase are Operating Transfers In from the General Fund (\$24,219,951), available Internal Service Fund resources (\$18,100,000), Behavioral Health Realignment (\$3,000,000), available prior year County Service Area 69 fund balance (\$11,000,000), available prior year County Service Area 17 fund balance (\$1,000,000), available prior year Airport Enterprise fund balance (\$150,000), Operating Transfers In from San Diego County Flood Control District (\$88,000) and available prior year Fish and Propagation Fund (\$15,000). These are offset by decreases in ARPA (\$1,100,000) and Operating Transfers In from the Special District Fund (\$50,000).

## **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

## **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

## **25. SUBJECT: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT - FISCAL YEARS 2023/24-2027/28 (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

### **OVERVIEW**

Having a network of well-maintained infrastructure and amenities is essential to the quality of life for the residents of San Diego County. The Capital Improvement Needs Assessment (CINA), is a strategic, long-term infrastructure investment plan that is reviewed and revised annually to ensure the County of San Diego (County) is taking care of its aging infrastructure while enhancing sustainability and improving the resilience of our County. The 2023/24 - 2027/28 CINA includes efforts that will advance the behavioral health continuum of care, modernize rural fire and sheriff stations, revitalize existing infrastructure, meet statewide stormwater mandates

with new green infrastructure and other stormwater projects, as well as improve access to the County's extensive network of parks. Today's request would approve the 2023-2028 CINA and refer it to the Chief Administrative Officer for funding and timelines to implement individual projects.

#### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

##### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Approve the Capital Improvement Needs Assessment (CINA) prioritizing County of San Diego (County) capital projects for Fiscal Years 2023-2028, as filed with the Clerk of the Board, and refer it to the Chief Administrative Officer for funding and timelines for implementation of individual projects.

#### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Equity is incorporated throughout the Capital Improvement Needs Assessment (CINA) planning cycle and carried through to the design and execution of the capital project. The planning cycle includes multiple touchpoints with the community and requires departments to identify how each of their capital projects promote equity and positively impact the residents of San Diego County. To further strengthen the equity component of the planning cycle, each capital project will undergo a budget equity analysis when requesting County funding.

Approval of the 2023-2028 CINA will result in the planning, design and construction of infrastructure that will ultimately improve accessibility to behavioral health, public health, recreational services, and public safety services in the County. If approved, today's action will further improve the equitable distribution of facilities that provide treatment and services for some of the region's most vulnerable and under-served populations including individuals with complex behavioral health needs, individuals experiencing mental health crises, individuals with justice involvement, and individuals seeking public health interventions.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Today's board letter supports the County of San Diego's sustainability goals of engaging the community, providing just and equitable access to County services, protecting the health and wellbeing of the region, protecting ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity throughout the County, and reducing pollution and waste. Development of the CINA is an iterative process designed to maximize engagement opportunities with the community and provide the upmost transparency into the capital project planning process.

Approval of the 2023-2028 CINA will result in implementation of a variety of capital projects including upgrades to and replacements of aged infrastructure to improve access and remove barriers for persons of all abilities, behavioral health projects that will fill unmet needs for mental health services, public safety projects that will improve the County's ability to provide services, parks projects that will increase access to recreational facilities and open spaces, and the expansion of the County's Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure that will reduce emissions and protect the region's air quality.

This Board action will also continue to implement the Zero Carbon Portfolio Plan, which seeks to reduce County facilities greenhouse gas emissions by 90% by 2030. Additionally, the projects included in the CINA are aligned to the 2018 Climate Action Plan and our regional efforts to decarbonize.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Fiscal Years 2023-2028 CINA contains partially funded and unfunded capital projects for a five-year period of approximately \$1.280 billion. The first year of the CINA contains \$264.7 million in projects. There is no fiscal impact associated with approval of the CINA. The first year of the CINA is used to identify immediate priorities for funding. The actual timing of project implementation and funding for remaining projects will be subject to funding availability and project readiness which will vary from year to year.

**BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

**26. SUBJECT: CLOSED SESSION (DISTRICTS: ALL)****OVERVIEW**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
County of San Diego v. AmerisourceBergen Corp., et al.; United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio No. MDL 2804
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Chaldean Coalition v. The County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission, et al.; San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2022-00008447-CU-WM-CTL
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Michelle Horton v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District Court No. 3:21-cv-00400-H-BGS
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Steven Dalton, et al. v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District Court, Southern District No. 3:21-cv-02143-W-WVG
- E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Keith Wayne Sekerke v. Lt. Adam Arkwright; United States District Court, Southern District No. 3:20-cv-10945-JO-AHG

- F. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)  
Kenneth Jones v. County of San Diego, et al.; United States District Court,  
Southern District No. 3:20-cv-1989-GPC-DEB
- G. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
(Government Code section 54957.6)  
Designated Representatives: Susan Brazeau, Clint Obrigewitch  
Employee Organizations: Deputy Sheriffs Association, Supervising Probation  
Officers Association, Probation Officers Association, District Attorney  
Investigators Association,
- H. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
(Government Code section 54957)  
Title: County Counsel
- I. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
(Government Code section 54957)  
Title: Chief Administrative Officer

**ACTION:**

Noting for the record that Closed Session matters were heard on March 14, 2023 and March 15, 2023; County Counsel reported that for Closed Session, the Board of Supervisors took no reportable actions.

**27. SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

Mark spoke to the Board regarding automated license plate readers.

Pam spoke to the Board regarding SANDAG and the road user charge.

Mike Borrello spoke to the Board regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Oliver Twist spoke to the Board regarding SANDAG mileage tax.

Justin Castro spoke to the Board regarding election security.

Paul Henkin spoke to the Board regarding SANDAG.

Kathleen Lippitt spoke to the Board regarding the impacts of marijuana use on youth.

Barbara Gordon spoke to the Board regarding the risks of cannabis use.

Terri-Ann Skelly spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of marijuana businesses.

Diane Grace spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of marijuana businesses.

Audra spoke to the Board regarding women's rights.

Becky Rapp spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of high-potency marijuana products on youth.

Ann Riddle spoke to the Board regarding the International Narcotics Report.

Kevin Stevenson spoke to the Board regarding SANDAG and the mileage tax.

Peggy Walker spoke to the Board regarding the negative impacts of drug use.

Truth spoke to the Board regarding SANDAG and the actions by the Sheriff.

**ACTION:**

Heard, Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 4:22 p.m. in memory of Steven Charles Much, Jane Thomas Anderson and Fred Macedo.

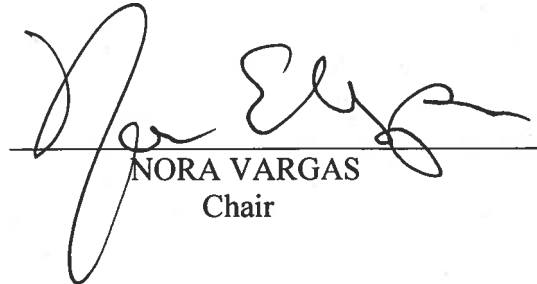
ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Diego, State of California

Consent: Vizcarra

Discussion: Zurita


NOTE: This Statement of Proceedings sets forth all actions taken by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.



NORA VARGAS  
Chair

Attest:



ANDREW POTTER  
Clerk of the Board

03/14/2023